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REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a telephone interview on March 9, 2005, with Applicants' representative. The Examiner is understood as asserting that the amended remaining claims are now in condition for allowance.

Entry of this Supplemental Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since no new claims or issues are raised and all amendments are for purpose of permitting remaining claims to pass to immediate allowance.

Claims 1-5 and 8-10 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claim 7 has been canceled by reason of its incorporation into claim 1, and claim 11 is canceled.

It is noted that the claims have been amended solely to more particularly point out Applicant's invention for the Examiner, and not for distinguishing over the prior art, narrowing the claim in view of the prior art, or for statutory requirements directed to patentability.

It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-5, and 8-10, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

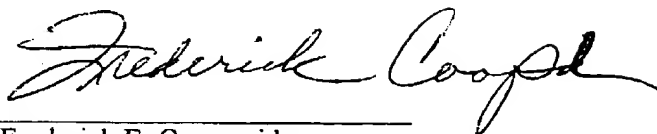
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Respectfully Submitted,

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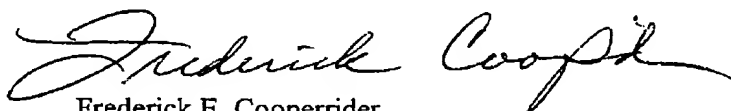


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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 and (703) 746-3956 this Supplemental Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner J. Stimpak on March 9, 2005.



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